

WAS LAND GRANT A RAILWAY BONUS?

Attorney-General Thinks Inducement Was Not Great Enough to Ensure Kaian Island Being Made Terminus.

The committee inquiring into the Kaian Island land grant sat again this morning. No replies had been secured from Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, or Peter Larsen, relative to attending to give evidence. James Anderson produced documents called for which will be examined by J. A. Macdonald and form the subject of further examination at a later date.

The attorney-general went on the stand also and gave some remarkable evidence as to his methods of reasoning and interpretation of documents. Mr. Young was not present this morning. The next sitting will be next Tuesday.

Upon the opening of the inquiry this morning the chairman, J. F. Garden, announced that he had yesterday afternoon sent a telegraphic message to Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and to Peter Larsen, of Helena, requesting each to attend at the earliest convenience to give evidence before the committee. Up to that time Mr. Garden said he had received no reply.

There was some delay waiting for James Anderson to appear. J. A. Macdonald requested that the attorney-general should be called, as he wished to ask of him a few questions. The attorney-general was not in his office.

Mr. Anderson appeared about half-past ten. He explained that he had to wait until the bank opened in order to get a duplicate of one of the bank books required. The books began December 19th, 1902, and continued up to March, 1905. The cheque stubs produced began with the date August, 1904.

Mr. Macdonald called attention to the fact that there should be stubs for previous dates.

Mr. Anderson said that he could not lay his hands on them.

Other books of stubs also seemed to be missing. Mr. Anderson saying he had not been able to find them.

Telegrams were also produced by Mr. Anderson received from P. Larsen. These were all from P. Larsen to J. Anderson, in most of cases directing the latter to meet him.

In reply to Mr. Macdonald witness said that he had not kept copies of telegrams sent to Mr. Larsen.

He had not been able to find any letters written by Mr. Larsen, who very seldom wrote any letters.

Witness said that he had not received more than two or three telegrams from Mr. Stephens he thought, and had not run across them.

He had received messages from Mr. Bodwell.

He thought he had not received more than one message from Mr. Morse, but had not discovered it. He had received a message from Mr. Mathews, but it did not relate to any of these lands, nor did it relate to the Kaian Island.

Mr. Macdonald said that he did not wish to examine Mr. Anderson further at present. He requested that the attorney-general should be called.

Hon. Chas. Wilson being sworn, said that the first he knew of this transaction with Mr. Bodwell was that a draft contract was submitted to be revised. It might have been a minute of council and very likely was.

Mr. Macdonald asked by whom it was prepared.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said he could not say. He believed it was typewritten. It was brought to him by Bass or Payne.

"Did you make any changes in it?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"Yes, I made some very important changes in it," returned Hon. Mr. Wilson.

He remembered that he corrected the contract or minute of council, which ever it was, in the matter of the water rights. He did not think that there was a meeting of the council before this.

He believed that later there was some difficulty in getting the recognition which was wanted from the Grand Trunk Pacific Company.

He had no recollection of discussions in connection with this, but these might have taken place.

"You were not, I suppose, asked to decide as the legal adviser of the crown as to the legality of the grant?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said he was. His attention was called to the section of the Land Act under which this grant was made.

"Who challenged your attention to it?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"I did not require any one to challenge my attention to it. I did it myself. I looked at it from the purchaser's standpoint. I looked at it from the goodness of the bargain. If the purchaser was satisfied, I was."

The attorney-general said that he was getting \$10,000 for lands of little value. The transaction was a business one. The company was out for all that was in it for them.

"You felt that an inducement was to be held out to the company?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

The attorney-general said he preferred not to answer that. He thought



THE UNWILLING MOUNT

The Candidate—Quit that, Bob; I can't get the pesky beast to canter for me and you're making him worse.
R.F.G.—Oh, never mind, Beckwith. He's used to a heavier jockey, that's all

It was his idea of interpreting these documents.

The committee then adjourned until Tuesday morning.

CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN IN EARNEST

THREE CORNERED FIGHT FOR DOMINION HOUSE

Hon. Wm. Templeman Opposed by J. L. Beckwith in Conservative Interests
--The Situation.

The campaign for the local seat in the Dominion House of Commons, rendered vacant through the recent resignation of George Riley, may now be considered well under way. What at the outset promised to prove a fight comparatively devoid of interest has unexpectedly developed into a three-cornered contest—a Conservative opposing a Liberal and a Socialist running in opposition to both. Therefore on the 5th of March, the date of the election, Victorians will have the choice of three candidates in casting their ballots.

Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue, and his supporters have lost no time in falling into line for the fray. Last evening an organized meeting was held at which various matters of detail in connection with the campaign came up for consideration. Different committees were chosen and to-day the Liberal candidate's headquarters, which are located in the Vernon block, corner of View and Douglas streets, present an appearance of activity and enthusiasm with which the party's adherents have entered upon their duties and auguring well for the success of their representative at the polls.

No definite announcement has yet been made as to the time or place of the first public Liberal meeting. It may be stated, however, that it will not take place until next week but the intervening time will not be allowed to pass without improvement. Now that the Conservatives have taken up the gauge the Liberals have become imbued with that fighting instinct and that unswerving loyalty to the party which has done so much towards increasing the prosperity of the country during its term of office that no stone will be left unturned in their efforts to achieve the desired result. Preliminary work is now in progress and early next week public gatherings will be called in the different local centres for the purpose of outlining Hon. Mr. Templeman's claims for recognition and support.

The Conservative Standard Bearer, at a convention of the Liberal-Conservative, held in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening, J. L. Beckwith accepted the nomination as candidate in the Conservative interests in the forthcoming election. A. E. McPhillips, president of the association, occupied the chair.

In opening the proceedings the chairman delivered a somewhat lengthy discourse. He outlined the reasons which had prompted the Conservatives to assemble the previous evening to present a candidate for the suffrages of the voting public. The principal one advanced was that Hon. Mr. Templeman had opposed Lieut.-Colonel Prior some years ago when the latter had been returned with the appointment of Commissioner of Inland Revenue in the then Conservative administration. He contended that the position on that occasion was exactly the same as that with

which the electors were now confronted.

After President McPhillips' remarks during which the situation was informally discussed. During that period quite a number of names were suggested, among which were those of A. E. McPhillips, K. C., Mr. Joseph Hunter, J. J. Beckwith and Clive Phillips Woolley. After the usual weeding process the choice was found to lie between the three first mentioned and accordingly their names were formally presented for nomination.

Both Messrs. McPhillips and Hunter positively declined, giving as their reasons pressure of business, which would not permit them to attend to the duties that would necessarily devolve upon them should they be returned. When George J. J. moved Mr. Beckwith's nomination the latter accepted and his decision is said to have been greeted with loud acclaim.

As usual the newly-selected candidate was called upon for an address. He firmly believed in the possibility of victory despite the disadvantages under which the party labored. The remainder of his remarks consisted principally of a tirade against the Liberal administration. Promises, almost too many to enumerate, had been cast aside and British Columbia had been very much ill-used and neglected. He made the statement that, if the Conservatives were in power and he were returned as a government representative from this city, he would advance the claims of the west most strongly, and if denied, would submit his resignation and asked for the endorsement of the public.

Following Mr. Beckwith's address, Messrs. McPhillips, Hector, Dow and Captain Curtis delivered short speeches of much the same character as that outlined.

Those present then dissolved itself into a committee of the whole for organization purposes. This business completed the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Beckwith is a well-known commission man, having served on the aldermanic board, and was a candidate in 1900, for the local legislature in support of the Government of Joseph Martin.

Mayor Morley's Invitation.
An interesting statement was made to a Times representative this morning by a Conservative prominent in the council of his party. He announced that the petition submitted to Mayor Morley asking him to come out in the interests of the Conservatives was not officially authorized by that organization. The proposal emanated, he said, from some members of the city council, who circulated the petition on their own responsibility. The possibility of Mayor Morley's candidature had not been discussed at last night's meeting.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

National Party Has Been Organized With F. P. Nicholas as Chairman.

(Associated Press.)
Fresno, Cal., Feb. 23.—The national public ownership party, was formed at a convention called here yesterday for that purpose. An executive committee was chosen with F. P. Nicholas, of San Francisco, as chairman and John Murray, of Los Angeles, as secretary, and national headquarters were established at Los Angeles.

HELLO GIRLS' STRIKE.

Telephone Operators at Vancouver. Quit Work—Linenmen Also Idle.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The telephone girls went on strike this morning largely on the allegation that the company opposed a union amongst the operators.

The linenmen in Vancouver and New Westminster joined the strike. A partial service is being maintained.

ATTEMPT TO KILL YOUNG FARMER

ROBBERY EVIDENTLY MOTIVE FOR CRIME

Was Shot Twice While Driving Home After Having Sold Stock—Lost One Eye.

(Associated Press.)

Owen Sound, Ont., Feb. 23.—James Morrison, a young farmer living near Annapolis, was murdered last night while driving home. He had been to town with a load of stock, for which he received \$145, and left for home about seven. Three miles down the road Morrison noticed a young man hanging on the rear of the rig and he invited him to ride. The man climbed in but remained at the rear. When within a short distance of his home Morrison was shot twice from behind, the second bullet blinding him. A third shot missed him. Morrison told the stranger he was shot and asked him to get help, but the latter made no attempt to obtain help, so Morrison threw himself on the back of his horse, trusting to their instinct to bring him home. The shots evidently came from the stranger in the rig, who was bent on robbery. The police are scouring the country for the would-be murderer. Morrison is expected to recover, but he has lost one eye and may lose the other.

Honor For Professor.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Professor A. B. Macmillan, professor of physiology of University of Toronto, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of London, England.

W. Walker Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—William Walker, superintendent of the Dominion Transport Company, is dead, aged 61 years. Mr. Walker was well-known in railway circles, having been for 20 years with the transportation company and previous to that with the C. P. R. as agent at Owen Sound and at the Queen's wharf, and with the old Great Western railway.

Two Fishermen Drowned.

Halifax, Feb. 23.—Two fishermen, William and Heber Prime, of Freeport, Digby county, were drowned this evening by the capsizing of their boat while attending to lobster traps.

The Trial of Plumbers.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Edward Gurney, at the trial of the plumbers' supply men before Justice Mulock yesterday, said he had been instrumental in organizing the master plumbers' association, believing that something should be done to keep out alleged cartermen from plumbers in order to keep the interests of the trade in the hands of an efficient body of men. He said he did not believe the agreement between the supply men and master plumbers was illegal, and that manufacturers of plumbers' supplies had just as much right to have protection this way as any other combination of manufacturers.

North Toronto Election.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The election to the Ontario legislature to-day in North Toronto resulted, in the return of J. K. McNaught, Conservative, by a majority of 1,421. The vote stood: Mr. Naughton, Conservative, 2,539; Urquhart, Liberal, 2,118; Simpson, Socialist, 280.

Not Guilty.

Edmonton, Feb. 22.—A jury returned a verdict of not guilty against Ludwig Lige in the second trial for the murder of a friend named Leslie at Brudenish a year ago, and the accused was accordingly acquitted.

CHINESE COMPLAIN OF EXCLUSION LAWS

INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER MINISTER

Boycott is in Retaliation Against Unjust Discrimination—No Sign of Anti-Foreign Rising.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, Feb. 23.—Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to the United States, when interviewed for the first time to-day on the existing situation in China, spoke in support of the boycott. Wu Ting Fang is now in Peking, devoting his time to codifying the laws of China, of numerous reforms under way. He said:

"China is at a crisis and is passing through a transition stage. Her statesmen and people feel that China needs reform, but there are great differences of opinion regarding the means. There are several classes of reformers. There are those who speak foreign language and who have been abroad and who have had experience. They favor sensible and useful reforms, but not too radical, so as to make China first able to stand upon her own feet. The number of these sensible reformers is few. I am one of them.

"The ruling classes all know that something should be done, but they are at their wits end to know what to do. The third class is composed of young students who are too rash; they need training and experience.

"Financial reforms should be carried out in the first place, but without foreign advice and capital it would be impossible to do so under present conditions.

"I was working out a scheme which had to be abandoned because it was necessary to call on foreign advice. The new coinage is a stop-gap.

"One thing upon which the majority of Chinese are agreed is that China has been deprived of many rights by concessions and territorial grants, and by the way her people have been treated by foreigners in Asia and foreign countries.

"Many Chinese who have gone abroad in America, Australia and the Philippines write home complaining of arbitrary discriminations made against the Chinese which dare not be attempted against other foreigners. Therefore everyone is angry, and hence the boycott of American goods, illustrating the feeling against the unjust exclusion laws. It has spread over all China, and is solely in retaliation against unjust discrimination, and is not anti-foreign. The Chinese people and officials are on good terms with all foreigners, and have no hostile feelings toward them. The Chinese merchants have the best feeling towards foreign merchants.

"The majority of the people in the interior are indifferent to all foreigners travelling in the interior who write that they are well treated, with no signs of hostility against them. These rumors of anti-foreign feeling are not well founded. Sensible men advise boys and agitators to be reasonable, and only to boycott goods, and not to treat persons unkindly, but to continue their friendship as before.

"Unfortunately disturbances in several places are now arising from the boycott, but there is no sign of an outbreak against foreigners."

Chinese Have Grievances.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 23.—Gen. William S. Shafter, who commanded the United States army in Cuba during the Spanish-American war, passed through here yesterday on a tour from a hunt in Mexico to his California home. Discussing the Chinese situation and the possibility of intervention by the United States, he said:

"If there was an uprising in China this country could not get sufficient forces in the field to make a showing. There are many troops in the Philippines, but they would not be available for a clash with the Chinese. The danger, if there is any, is to Americans situated far inland. If they were attacked it would be all over before the United States could get troops to the spot. So far as the naval forces are concerned it is different. The navy is well equipped. At Manila, along the coast of Japan and China, and at convenient points in the Orient, the United States has ships which could be brought to bear on China and enough to meet all possible needs."

"Do you believe that China has a grievance against the United States?" the general was asked. "Grievance, of course she has," he replied. "For years the Chinese have been subjected to every possible indignity by our officials. It has been scandalous. Theodor Roosevelt recognizes it and has issued instructions which ought to bring about some improvement."

Court is Nervous.

London, Feb. 23.—The correspondent of the Tribune at Peking says: "The court is nervous over the possibility of trouble on February 24th. The president of the Chinese foreign bank appreciates the possibility of an anti-dynastic rising. The German legation to-night doubled its sentry on account of posting of anti-foreign placards at Tientsin."

AERONAUT'S ESCAPE.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 23.—An unsuccessful trial was made by Professor Montgomery's aeroplane at Idora park yesterday, and it almost resulted in serious injury to D. Wilkie, the aeronaut.

INSURANCE REPORT.

Officials of Company Not Yet Prepared to Offer Any Opinion.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 23.—The higher officials of the leading life insurance companies were dissembled yesterday to discuss the recommendations of the Armstrong investigation committee embodied in its report made public in Albany yesterday. Their reason being that they had not had time enough in which to master the details of the report.

Among those who declined to say anything at all at this time were President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance society, and President Peabody of the Mutual.

Vice-President Gage E. Tarbell, of the Equitable, said that he would make a statement only after he had thoroughly read and digested the report.

George E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance Company, said last night: "My impression is that the report is hardly as drastic as was expected, but I have had not time to examine it."

FOR RELIEF OF FAMINE SUFFERERS

CANADA WILL SEND FLOUR TO JAPANESE

The First Shipment Will be Forwarded on Fifth of March—Assistance From Seattle.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Canada will forward \$25,000 worth of flour to the Japanese famine sufferers. Most of the flour will be ground from Manitoba wheat, but a portion will be made up of Alberta wheat ground in British Columbia. The flour will be shipped in twenty thousand packages of forty-nine pounds. Each package will contain directions and yeast. The first consignment is to be forwarded from Vancouver on March 5th.

Call For Assistance.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Feb. 23.—The Post-Intelligencer to-day started an original effort to secure a ship load of wheat for Japanese famine sufferers. The paper subscribes 10,000 bushels of wheat, and calls for subscriptions in kind to be shipped, if possible, on March 15th. Last Oriental mail advices show that nearly a million persons are starving, and food is needed more than money.

DIVORCE LAWS.

Resolutions Adopted by the Congress at Washington.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Before finally adjourning last night the congress on uniform divorce laws for the several states adopted the following resolution which seeks to make even more stringent the laws pertaining to the "migratory" character of divorces.

"Each state should adopt a platform statute embodying the principle contained in the Massachusetts act which is as follows: 'If an inhabitant of this commonwealth goes into another state or county to obtain a divorce for a cause which would not authorize a divorce by the laws of this commonwealth, a divorce so obtained shall be of no force or effect in this commonwealth.'"

A resolution was also adopted providing that "fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain a divorce should be made statutory crime by the criminal code."

THE SULTAN'S TROUBLES.

Revolt Spreading in Yemen—Troops Refuse Duty Until They Receive Arrears of Pay.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, Feb. 23.—An extraordinary meeting of the council of ministers has been summoned to confer with the Sultan at the Yildiz palace and deal with the situation in Yemen, Turkish Arabia.

The hitherto localized revolt in Yemen against Turkish rule has been fanned into a more widespread rebellion by a wasteful proclamation of the Sheik and the encounters with the Turkish troops which have taken place at various points. Indicate that the situation is critical. Turkey is embarrassed by the objection of the troops to go to Yemen. Further reinforcements which were on their way there mutilated on board the transports in the Red Sea early this week, and refused to do any duty until they received their arrears of pay.

SUICIDE ON WEDDING DAY.

Italian Prince Shot Himself Shortly Before Hour Set For Marriage.

(Associated Press.)

Naples, Feb. 23.—Prince Pignatelli Strongoli, aged 19 years, son of a lady-in-waiting to Queen Helena, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. He was to have been married in a few hours to a daughter of the Duke of Capriano. He left a letter to his father, saying he killed himself because he was sceptical about life and another letter to his fiancée saying she would have been unhappy with him. The affair has caused a great sensation, both families being among the most aristocratic in Naples.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

EIGHT HOUR BILL HAS BEEN DEFEATED

On its Second Reading—Measure For
Regulating Labor in Smelters Was
Turned Down.

Victoria, Feb. 23rd, 1906.

The legislature this afternoon killed the bill to provide for an eight-hour day in smelters on a close vote of 19 to 17. The feature of the continued debate on this question was the judicial speech of the leader of the opposition, who made clear his position on the subject in an unequivocal manner. Through his efforts during the recess an amicable settlement of the labor question in smelters was brought about, and this session he voted to give the legislative sanction to an eight-hour day which has been proved to be practicable.

The amendment to the Elections Act affecting the deposit has been altered in committee so as to make the deposit \$100 instead of \$50, as it was in J. H. Hawthornthwaite's original bill. It was on this basis that a settlement was effected between the Conservatives and the Socialist dictator.

Prayers were read by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

Provincial Election Act.

On opening J. H. Hawthornthwaite took exception to the position of the bill to amend the Provincial Election Act, which had been ordered to be replaced on the order paper. It should be first on the order paper, its old position, instead of last on the list.

The speaker said this was correct.

The bill was then committed, with L. W. Shawford in the chair.

W. J. Bowser moved to amend section 2 by making the deposit \$100 instead of \$50, as proposed by the bill. He said that Mr. Hawthornthwaite had expressed his readiness to accept this.

The amendment was carried by a vote of 22 to 12.

The bill was reported.

Hours of Labor.

On the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill regulating hours of labor in certain industries, J. H. Hawthornthwaite said that the only argument against the proposed measure was that the smelter owners did not want it. The whole question to be considered was whether the smelter owners were to dominate the legislature.

Bills dealing purely with the hours of labor did not affect trade or labor. If the hours of labor were reduced to any great extent redress was found in other ways by reducing the wages, intensifying the labor or introducing improved machinery.

Friends of labor could not expect to reap financial profit from these measures. An example of this the act affecting the hours of labor in coal mines had resulted in Nanaimo in the introduction of three methods—the pay was reduced, improved machinery was introduced and the men were driven like slaves.

He objected to members expressing sympathy for the workmen without giving them their votes. The leader of the opposition belonged to this class. The leader of the opposition was represented as telling the smelter owners that if the hours of labor were not reduced a measure like the present would be introduced. This worked an injustice upon the workmen. The only smelters which had adopted this eight-hour day were the Granby and Greenwood works.

Geo. A. Fraser said that the smelters at Trail and Boundary Falls adopted the same hours of labor.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that his information was that only in certain branches the hours of labor had been reduced.

Hon. R. G. Taitow, in explanation, said that it was ridiculous to say that legislation like this did not affect trade and labor. It assuredly did. He proposed against the measure as being detrimental to the best interests of the province.

Dr. King said that he opposed the bill last year because it was represented that the mining industry was just recovering from an era of depression. To introduce legislation like this it was felt would seriously result in checking the smelting and mining industries.

The smelters were also in competition with those of the United States. It was represented last session that a settlement might be made with the smelter owners. This had been done, and he saw no objection therefore in passing the bill.

W. C. Wells thought that the arguments used against the bill by the member for Grand Forks, G. A. Fraser, were the very reasons why this should be passed. He could see no reason why the eight-hour day was not applicable to smelters. This could be well settled by fixing the hour of labor by statutory enactment. There would

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then be no danger of any change in the condition. Mr. Wells said he would support the bill.

Geo. A. Fraser said that he had telegrams last year asking for the passage of the bill.

J. A. Macdonald said that a rather savage attack had been made upon himself by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. Members on the other side of the House who had determinedly opposed reduction of the hours of labor were passed over. It seemed somewhat strange therefore that he should be selected to be attacked. Mr. Macdonald pointed out that another strange feature of this attack was when it was remembered that he (Mr. Macdonald) had taken this matter up during the recess, and by his efforts with the smelter owners and the men employed had succeeded in affecting a settlement. The removing of this difficulty under which the smelter owners had averted all danger of strike between owners and employees in smelters. This also did away with the possibility of the mines, the coaling works and the other related industries being hurt.

Mr. Macdonald could not see why it had averted this in an amicable way he should be attacked in a virulent manner.

The government had a right to interfere. He had held that last session. But he contended last year that the time was not opportune to work this change which might mean ruin to the mining industry.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked if the Granby smelter had not paid half a million dollars in dividends during the year.

Mr. Macdonald said he believed it was true that about \$400,000 had been paid in profits. But this was the dividend paid after seven or eight years of running at a loss. This profit was accounted for largely by the increase in the price of copper by several cents. These advanced prices were not in vogue last session.

It had been found that the loss due to reducing the hours of labor from 12 hours to 8 hours was not nearly as great as the owners had last year anticipated. He felt that the hours of labor having been changed there was no danger of the smelter owners being able to go back to the old hours of labor.

An amicable arrangement having been arrived at he was in favor of giving these hours the sanction of law. He would therefore vote for the second reading of the bill. There were some modifications which could be introduced in committee.

Price Ellison wanted to know what would be the result if the price of copper went back to what it was before the increased prices.

Mr. Macdonald said that the smelter owners having adopted an 8-hour day they could never go back to 10 hours without bringing on a strike.

The motion for the second reading of the bill was lost on the following division:

Yes: Messrs. Drury, King, Brown, McNeven, Jones, Davidson, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Wells, Cameron, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, Wilson, Green, Gordon, Young, Manson—11.

Nays: Messrs. Murphy, Tanner, Oliver, Munro, Paterson, Hall, Taitow, McBride, Cotton, Ellison, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A. Macdonald, Fulton, Taylor, Macgowan, Grant—12.

Master and Servant.

On the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend the Master and Servant Act, Hon. Chas. Wilson said that while he was generally in favor of regulating the labor matters, he was not able to support the bill.

The bill provides as follows:

"Every workman, employee or servant, where the rate of wages does not exceed four dollars per day, shall be paid at intervals not to exceed two weeks."

In case of a workman, employee or servant ceasing to work or being discharged, all wages due such person shall be paid forthwith.

"No contract for wages shall be entered into that provides for payment of wages at longer intervals than once in two weeks."

"Any employer, or the agent of any employer, who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars."

Hon. Mr. Wilson thought that the objects aimed at could be got over in another way. He said the feature objected to in the act seemed to be that employees while not being actually discharged were virtually so treated by being told that they need not come to work the next day. He thought that this could be overcome by inserting an amendment by which either master or servant should be liable to action unless notice had been given of terminating the agreement.

It was a serious principle to introduce that a breach of a civil contract should be subject to penal punishment. He asked that the mover of the bill should not press it.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved the adjournment of the debate.

Transfer of Lands.

Hon. Chas. Wilson moved his daily amendments to the bill relating to the transfer of land and to provide for the registration of titles to land. To-day's amendments included the following:

"All real estate, registration of the absolute fee to which was effected in pursuance of section 16 of the Land Registry Act, 1860, of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, and for the purchase of which all instalments have been paid, shall be deemed to have included all hereditaments within the boundaries of such real estate for the purchase price of same, and any such registration shall have the same force and effect as if a grant from the Hudson's Bay Company, or the Crown, of said real estate had been issued for

land purchased prior to the thirteenth day of April, 1870, notwithstanding any such grant has not been issued."

Sec. 32—To strike out section 32, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"22. Where it is made to appear to the registrar that the notice mentioned in the last preceding section cannot be personally served, or cannot be personally served without undue expense, such notice may be served according to the provisions of this act as to service of notices or by public advertisement as the registrar may deem just, and such service, or substituted service, shall have the same effect as personal service of the notice or proceeding upon the person intended to be affected thereby."

J. Garden moved an amendment to the bill as follows:

Sec. 68—To strike out all the words after the word "surveyor," in the 19th line, down to and including the letter "P," in the 24th line, and insert the following:

"In the form annexed to this act marked 'P,' and also shall be certified in the form annexed to this act marked 'Q,' that the following conditions have been complied with, such certificate being signed, in the case of the section or lot being situated in any municipality, by the engineer of the municipality, or some person or persons authorized by the council to examine and report, and in the case of its being situated in an unincorporated district, by the surveyor-general:

"1st. That no street is shown to be less than sixty-six feet in width;

"2nd. That all streets are shown in continuation in a straight line, as near as may be, of any existing streets, and that no unnecessary jog occurs;

"3rd. That in case such section or lot borders on the shores of any navigable water, streets leading to and continuing to such water are shown on such map at a not greater distance apart than six hundred feet."

W. G. Cameron wanted an explanation of this.

Mr. Garden said that the object was to insist that in all towns laid out that the streets should be made wide enough to permit of the putting of tramway lines.

The attorney-general moved to amend, this by making it apply only to the townships west of the Cascade mountains. He did this because in the mountainous districts it was often difficult to maintain this proposed width for streets.

This amendment passed and the motion of Mr. Garden also carried.

matter was that the assessor had made "an awful mess" of the roll so that there could be nothing done with it.

J. A. Macdonald said that he would like to know if the provisions of this bill had been made generally known in the district affected, so as to make sure that no objections were raised to it.

F. Carter-Cotton said he had seen the roll and it was absolutely useless.

John Oliver only wished that the attorney-general would show the same disposition to revise the assessment rolls of the province as he did this roll. (Laughter.)

Granby Consolidated.

The bill to amend the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company passed its third reading.

Ashcroft Railway.

In connection with the bill to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville & Fort George Railway Company, F. Carter-Cotton called attention to the section which described the work intended and which contained the clause "with power also to build and operate an extension from any point in order to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway."

The speaker suggested that this was something for the attorney-general to consider.

Hon. Chas. Wilson said he had work enough to do in looking after these bills to see that nothing was inserted which was not in the public interest without trying to keep private bills straight. If the promoters of this road cared to insert some clause which would result in the disallowance of the act that was their own lookout.

Price Ellison suggested that because the company asked to connect with the G. T. P. was no reason for saying that it would do so. That was something for the railway commission to decide.

It was suggested that the bill should stand over and W. Manson, who had charge of the bill, consented to do this.

The House then adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

On Tuesday next: Dr. Young to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

John Oliver to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" that all the words of the resolution after the first word, "That," be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:

"That the government of British Columbia forfeited the right of eminent domain in the lands of the Wellington Colliery Company?"

THE CITY MARKET.

During the past week very few alterations have occurred in connection with the market quotations. All staples remain the same and there are no indications of changes in the prices of any of the imported commodities. They appear to have reached figures that will remain unaffected for some months. In the line of fruit, oranges have advanced. They have risen in value throughout California as a result of the recent heavy rains there. Apples also are becoming higher priced owing to their scarcity. The market is not over-stocked with this fruit at the present time and as the season progresses the quotations are sure to rise. There are no other important fluctuations. The complete quotations follow:

Sweet Potatoes, per lb. 4
Cabbages, per lb. 2
Island Potatoes, 100 lbs. 1.25
Onions, per lb. 12
Turnips, per lb. 12
Cucumbers, per doz. 20
Watercress, per lb. 25

Meats (American), per lb. 150 30
Bacon (American), per lb. 220 20
Bacon (rolled), per lb. 20
Shoulders, per lb. 13 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb. 100 10
Beef, per lb. 110 15
Mutton, per lb. 115 15
Lamb, forequarter 1.25 1.50
Lamb, hindquarter 1.00 1.40

Fish.
Salmon, per lb. 40 5
Sardines (smoked) 70
Haddock, per lb. 100 12 1/2
Cods, per lb. 10
Herrings 6
Kippers 10
Rock Cod, per lb. 10
Shrimps, per lb. 8
Slotters, per lb. 40
Haddies, per lb. 10

Fruit.
Apples (local), per box 1.75 2.00
Peaches, per box 1.50
Oranges (local), per box 1.50 1.75
Rhubarb, per lb. 15
New Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb. 80
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb. 50
Valencia Raisins, per lb. 150 15
Sultana Raisins, per lb. 15
Valencia Oranges, per doz. 25 40
Pineapples, each 40 50

Farm Produce.
Fresh Island Eggs 30
Butter (Dairy Creamery) 20 35
Butter (Victoria Creamery) 40
Cheese (Canadian) 25
Lard, per lb. 15

Hudsonian Flour.
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack 1.10
Ogilvie's Royal, per sack 1.00
Ogilvie's Baking Flour, per sack 1.00
Lake of Woods, per sack 1.10
Okanagan, per sack 1.10
Moose Jaw, per sack 1.10
Moose Jaw, per bbl. 1.50
Excelsior, per sack 1.00
Excelsior, per bbl. 1.50
Oak Lake, per sack 1.00
Hudson's Bay, per sack 1.00
Hudson's Bay, per bbl. 1.50
Enderby, per sack 1.00
Enderby, per bbl. 1.50
Snowflake, per sack 1.00
Snowflake, per bbl. 1.50
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl. 1.25
O. K. Four Star, per sack 1.25
O. K. Four Star, per bbl. 1.50
Drifted Snow, per sack 1.25
Drifted Snow, per bbl. 1.50
Three Star, per bbl. 1.50

Grain.
Wheat, per ton 40.00
Oats, per ton 20.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. 4
Rolled Oats (B. & K.) 1.50
Feed.
Hay (baled), per ton 17.00
Straw, per bale 1.25

Questions.
P. Williams on Friday next will ask

the chief commissioner of lands and works:

1. In the matter of tramway crossings, does the duty of protecting the public road with the tramway owners or with the government?

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RAGING FURIOUSLY.

Our amiable neighbor across the street was in a fine state of mind this morning. Something must surely have occurred to arouse its ire in an unwonted degree, or why should its readers be treated to such spiteful references to the Liberal candidate and to all who have dared to express opposition to the course it recommends? The Colonist, we know, is bound ignominiously to the chariot wheels of its dear friend Bob Green drives so furiously, but as the strongest and most popular candidate in the ranks of the Conservative party has been chosen to contest the bye-election against the man who is weaker to-day than he ever was before and whose unpopularity is so obvious and is constantly increasing, why should there be such a display of venomous fangs and snarling, spitting, feline intemper? Why has the creature got its back hair on end, and why does it lash its tail so furiously? It has had its way. Its strong champion is in the field. Is there any necessity for it to spit and scratch at such men as Mr. Dunsmuir, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Beaven, Mr. Ken, Mr. Dewdney, Mr. Shotbolt, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Redfern, Mr. McQuade, Mr. Martin, Mr. Todd, Mr. Vernon, Mr. Boscowitz, and to say of them that "Mr. Templeman will have to assist him, every man seeking a government job, those who are influenced by the dollar or two which may come their way during an election campaign, those who want to shout for the winning side, and those who are seeking government favors, concessions, contracts or other blessings which fall with the political manna from heaven. These, in addition to the regular contingent of Liberal supporters, will 'swarm' in his committee rooms and furnish acclaim at his meetings." We see no reason why these men should be assailed so unfairly and so viciously simply because they have dared to express an opinion about the futility and the foolishness of an opposition decided upon at the dictation of the McBride government. If the organ has made up its mind that the future of the Conservative party in Victoria must be sacrificed in the forlorn hope of saving the life of a local administration which is already condemned by public opinion, then its course is justifiable. Its savage attacks cannot be justified upon any other grounds.

CANDIDATES AND ISSUES.

The organ of Hon. Mr. Templeman has not professed to be very much aggrieved because of the decision of the Conservative party in Victoria to place a candidate in the field at the pending bye-election. If the members of the Conservative party believe that it is their duty to place a candidate in nomination, neither we nor the members of the Liberal party have any just cause of complaint. The members of the Conservative party have exercised their rights as citizens and have chosen their strongest man to oppose Mr. Templeman. Instead of complaining about the course of our political opponents, we are inclined to rejoice at their action. With two candidates in the field there will be an opportunity for a full and free discussion of the political issues upon which the great political parties in the Dominion of Canada are divided. Liberals have no reason to cord of the Laurier government, of shrink from such a discussion. The record of the Laurier government, of which Mr. Templeman is a member, is an open book. The progress made during the past ten years and the manner in which the public affairs of the country have been administered during that time are written therein. If the country has not made advances satisfactory to the people, if the administration of affairs has not been quite as pleasant to contemplate as the record of any self-governing country under the sun for a similar time, we are content that Mr. Beckwith and his supporters should expose the weaknesses of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that the electors of the city of Victoria should cast their ballots in condemnation of the member of that administration.

We observe by the address of Mr. Beckwith, the champion of the opposition, that he purposes making the treatment of the province of British Columbia the principal issue in his campaign. The great federal question of "adequate protection" he is evidently anxious enough to regard as settled. His political friends in the East have dropped it as something that cannot be profitably discussed from the point of view of practical politicians. The present tariff has been accepted by all but those directly concerned in the exploitation of the great consuming public as eminently satisfactory. So that the chief criticism of the course of the government will be based

on the proposition that it has not treated British Columbia fairly. But it will not do to take Mr. Beckwith too seriously in what he says on the subject of better terms. He propounds a supposititious case, and tells us what he would do under the circumstances he describes. If there were a Conservative government in power and that government refused to accede to the demands its sanguine Conservative supporter made on behalf of British Columbia, the refusal would be followed by the dramatic resignation of the suppliant member. It requires a considerable effort of the imagination to conceive of a Conservative government in power in Canada, and it requires a very violent effort of the mind to conceive of Mr. Beckwith resigning anything as a matter of principle. In this matter it is not necessary for us to consider abstract propositions at all. We must judge governments by their records. There have been Conservative governments in power at Ottawa, and there have been Conservative members from British Columbia supporting such governments. Demands for better terms were made. The demands were ignored, and no member ever resigned his seat in order to convince the government of the sincerity and earnestness of his demands. It is true the fact that one government was indifferent to reasonable requests cannot be considered as justification for unfair treatment on the part of another. But neither should we place too much faith in ante-election pledges. There is a fair way, and that is to judge governments and their supporters on their records. If it cannot be demonstrated that British Columbia has received juster and more generous treatment from the Laurier government than from any other government that Mr. Beckwith ought to be elected on the 9th of March.

A DESPAIRING CRY.

Sorrowfully the Colonist complains: "The Liberal-Conservatives will fight without any of the adventitious aids which come from the party in power. They have no promises to make of favors to come from Ottawa. They have no campaign fund in the East to draw from. They have no money to spend in corrupting voters." Alas and black a day! Things have indeed changed. The parties are now upon a condition of perfect equality and there will be a fair fight. Victory will perch upon the banners of the candidate having the confidence of the people. But surely it cannot be that after inducing the rump of Conservatism which is at present dominant in Victoria to place a candidate in the field in its interests, the McBride government is not going to turn tail in face of the enemy? After the operations of the past few years there ought to be at least the nucleus of a campaign fund in the party treasury. What can be the meaning of such a sorrowful wail? If there is a fighting chance, Mr. Green should take the platform and do his utmost to turn it to account. And he should call his auxiliaries who claim to be in the confidence of railway magnates publicly to his aid. They are doing their best for him in secret by manufacturing fairy tales respecting the intentions of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. If they are in communication with Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, as they claim to be, there is no reason why the Chief Commissioner should keep them in the background.

VICTORIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Vancouver World.
Victoria Conservatives have decided to nominate a candidate in opposition to Hon. Mr. Templeman. The Socialists, it is remarked, are moving in the same direction. They do not recognize Mr. Macdonald as their standard-bearer and will place another man in the field. It is well known that Vancouver made a strong fight for the portfolio. She put forward Mr. Macpherson, who is one of the ablest men in British Columbia's delegation, and pressed the importance and wealth of Vancouver as reasons why she should have a representative in the cabinet. The government at Ottawa thought otherwise and selected Senator Templeman for the portfolio. Vancouver has loyally accepted the situation, and while there is a feeling of disappointment that Victoria has drawn the biggest prize in the political lottery, Vancouver advises the island constituency to return the new minister. Victorians should not forget that Mr. Templeman might have retained his seat in the Senate and still held the portfolio; but he prefers to stand the test of an election. Victoria's opportunity is one that does not often come to a constituency. In his position as minister of internal revenue Mr. Templeman will have it in his power to advance Victoria's interests as they have never before been advanced, and it would be an act of folly, almost criminal, in its character and effects, to decline the offer that is now made to them. The attitude of the Victoria Conservatives is a mistake. We cannot regard the threatened opposition to Mr. Templeman's return as animated by proper motives, nor do we think that it will meet with much support. It would have been a graceful act had the Capitalists shown their appreciation of the compliment that has been paid to the importance and influence of the Victoria constituency by returning Mr. Templeman unopposed. But as such is not to be, it remains for Victorians, irrespective of party ties, to unite in making his majority as large as possible. If, on the other hand, Victoria should decline the proffered offer of which we are assured there is no fear, Vancouver stands ready to accept it, and so secure cabinet representation for the Terminal City, a consummation for which she has long most devoutly hoped.

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for courting, otherwise "The annual dog Derby" was concluded to-day at Alcor near here with a victory for H. Hardy's Hoped. There were sixty-four entries and the heats occupied three days. Betting, which at the start, was 10 to 1 against Hoped, this morning was 11 to 10 on Mr. Hardy's entry.

What Other People Think

THE B. C. PERMANENT.

To the Editor:—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper for the purpose of dispelling a false impression that is being created in the minds of a number of our citizens by certain individuals who are submitting for inspection a clipping from an eastern periodical, which criticizes the B. C. Permanent L. & S. Co., and classes it with the York County Co., which has recently got into trouble. They, however, invariably fail to mention the fact that in the next issue of this periodical, an apology appears from the editor, for having unwittingly done an injustice to the B. C. Permanent by printing an article received from a correspondent, without making a personal investigation as to accuracy of same. The article referred to, it was subsequently learned, emanated from the manager of a Maritime Province branch office of a Toronto loan company, who, evidently is not pleased with the B. C. Permanent's action in opening a branch office in that province, and who has endeavored in this way to mislead the general public as to the true position and standing of the B. C. Permanent. The individuals referred to who are taking the trouble to bring into prominence this article are, of course, supposed to be acting in the interest of the people by warning them of the danger they are in as investors in the B. C. Permanent. I think all fair-minded citizens will agree that it is not good form, to say the least (for those who are seeking to build up another company), to endeavor to injure a competitor by producing an article which they know to be absolutely untrue and leaving the impression that it is a true statement. Now, Mr. as local manager of the B. C. Permanent, I wish to state that I am not opposed to fair competition, but rather court same, however, the adoption of such tactics, I am sure, will be deprecated by all your readers, and it is therefore not because I fear the consequences resulting from such misrepresentation that I request the publication of this letter, but because I consider it is only fair to the public that a true statement of the case should be presented. The appended communication received by the president of the B. C. Permanent will be sufficient proof that the facts are as above stated.

In another column of this issue will be found an article which appears in the Toronto "Monetary Times" of the 16th inst. above the signature of Thos. T. Langlois.

Toronto, Jan. 12th, 1906.
Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, Manager B. C. Permanent Loan Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Langlois:—I am sorry that an error in my comment upon a correspondent's letter in last week's Monetary Times did an injustice to your company. And I beg to apologize for it.

The statement that your report did not appear in the Dominion return last year arose from the mistake made by a man on whom I relied to look it up. He got hold of the Ontario return, and reported to me that it was not there. "If you want a thing well done, do it yourself," is a good motto, and I am punished for not observing it. I should have personally looked it up.

Your first telegram arrived yesterday morning, the second one did not reach me till this morning at nine, having been delivered at my partner's house during last evening in his absence. I have written a paragraph explaining the mistake, and saying a good word for your company. A copy of this paragraph is enclosed. But I cannot give you the name of the Maritime Province man whose letter we quoted. He is, however, a respectable and intelligent man.

I note what your telegram says about your having just passed audit and government inspection, also what is stated about inspection, expenses and dividends, and await your further particulars promised by mail.

Again regretting that we have caused you trouble in this manner of which you complain, I am,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) JAMES HEDLE.
I regret, sir, that it has been necessary to occupy so much of your valuable space and sincerely thank you for your courtesy and generosity.
HORACE J. KNOTT.

GRANT TO TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor:—I beg to take exception to the garbled report of the Colonist of last evening's council meeting regarding the vote to the Tourist Association, which states that Ald. Fullerton was decidedly against the association, as he did not think it was any good. What I did say was that if legislative authority was given the council to make a grant I would vote the sum of \$2,000, and moved an amendment to the amendment, the following (a copy) being given to the Colonist, the Times reporter having left the meeting before the vote was reached: "That any grant to the Tourist Association be subject to the amendments to section 65, chapter 145, Municipal Clauses Act, giving powers to city municipalities to include in their estimates a grant to tourist or similar associations," being adopted by the legislative assembly during its present session.
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See the values for Saturday. Narrow edges to the wide corset cover patterns. Centre aisle.

Golf Jerseys (Girls)

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Colors white, blue, red and white.

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Violets

Special values on sale Saturday, 15c, 25c and 35c a bunch.

Shoes

The Edwin C. Burt (New York) FOR WOMEN.
All the latest spring styles now in stock.

FOR MEN.
The Preston B. Keith shoes.
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on sale Saturday. Prices 25c, 35c and 50c each. About 300 in this lot and only two or three of a kind.

Burritt's Worsted Stockings

for boys. Prices 25c to 50c pair. Double legs, sizes 8 to 9 1/2 inch.

First shipment of New York, Paris and London

Outing Hats
to arrive to-day and on display Saturday.

Sample Golf Hose

for men (fancy tops); values 75c, 50c and \$1.00. Saturday, 50c pair.

Boys' Sample Golf Hose

Values, 75c and 50c. Saturday 50c pair.

24 Doz. Men's English Sample Half Hose

all marked for Saturday's selling. In the lots are: Black cashmere, natural "cashmere" silk and cashmere, fancy silk and hile thread, heavy Scotch flannel, fine English cashmere ribbed in black color, tan mercedized silk, fine Scotch worsteds in grey and fancy mixtures.

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Men's Unlaundered Shirts

Saturday, 37 1/2c.

New Spring Shirts for Men

New pleated front shirts in six different styles. Saturday 75c. Men's soft bosom shirts, silk mixtures. Saturday, 75c.

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Double color and cuffs, 55c qualities, 10 cardinal and navy. Saturday, 45c.

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Sizes: 16 18 20 22 24
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MEN'S BOX CALF AND WILLOW CALF BALS. Were \$4 to \$5.50. Sale Price.....	\$2.50
LADIES' BOX CALF AND DONGOLA KID BALS. Were \$3 and \$3.50. Sale Price.....	\$1.75
LADIES' HAND-TURNED OXFORDS, French Heels. Were \$2.50. Sale Price.....	\$1.00
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The King's Daughters Ministering Circle. The "tea and musicale," originally fixed to be held by the King's Daughters by the kind invitation of Mrs. Henry Croft at Mount Adelaide, Esquimalt road, on Tuesday, February 27th, is unavoidably postponed until Tuesday, March 6th, when all members and friends of the order are most cordially invited to be present.

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DR. H. E. F. CRISTION, who lectured here recently on beauty culture, has appointed MRS. WINCH, of 121 CHATHAM STREET, above Quaden, his representative for his French toilet articles, including soap, toilet mark DR. CRISTION. Ladies are invited to call at her home.

MADAME L. M. MAYE.

Ralph Huett and Percy Wiggs were yesterday committed for trial by Magistrate Hall on a charge of highway robbery. These are the men who are alleged to have relieved Joe Perrier of his on the night of Wednesday, the 14th, while on his way homeward.

Herbert Young, the newly-appointed mining recorder and registrar for the Atlin district, has left for the north. Mr. Young has resided in Atlin since 1898, and came down last December to give evidence in the Ruffner mining case.

The first annual sale of pure bred horses, cattle, sheep and swine under the auspices of the British Columbia Stock Breeders' association, will be held at Queen's Park, New Westminster, on March 21st and 22nd, on which dates several farmers' institutes have decided to hold meetings in the Royal City. A great deal of interest is being taken in the sale.

M. K. Bowman and bride of Vancouver, are spending their honeymoon in this city. They were united in wedlock on Wednesday morning at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Harford. Rev. A. Hetherington performed the ceremony. After a short trip the newly-married couple intend taking up their residence in Vancouver.

The body of another victim of the Valencia wreck has been identified as Henry Helgman, through the description furnished by Superintendent Hussey of the Provincial police. The body was brought to Victoria by the revenue cutter Perry and was interred at Ross Bay cemetery, the grave being marked No. 12. The deceased was a first-class passenger on the ill-fated steamer, and at the request of his friends, the body will be exhumed and shipped to San Francisco.

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Talsang & Co. will open on Monday, the 26th inst., at 124 Government street, with a fine line of Scotch and English tweeds for ladies' and men's suits. Fit and style guaranteed.

There will be no meeting of the city council to-night, owing to the fact that several of the aldermen found it inconvenient to have a third session within one week. The usual sitting of the council will be held on Monday evening, when it is hoped to complete the revision of the estimates.

The Farmers' Brick and Tile association of Saanich, recently organized under the Farmers' Institute Act, have made their first report to the department of agriculture. This shows that all the tiles manufactured have been sold, and that the association has provided of great advantage to the farmers of the district. Tiles are supplied to members at \$12.50 per thousand and to non-consumers at \$15.

Boys have recently been giving the B. C. Electric Railway Company a good deal of trouble on Bay street. They have been placing rocks and other obstructions in the way of the cars at the embankment, with the result that a number of serious accidents have been narrowly averted. It is the intention of the company to put a stop to this mischievous work and to make an example of anyone caught doing it. With this object in view the police have been notified to take action, and in future boys causing the trouble mentioned will be severely dealt with.

The present week promises to be a record one at the Grand, Ted E. Fox, the Martells, bicycle experts; Morgan and Chester, and the four Roberts, ably assisted by Miss Alice Widdemore, Prof. Nagel and a line of moving pictures, make up a show that it seems people are unable to keep away from. To-morrow affords the last opportunity of seeing this excellent programme. There will be two matinees, beginning at 2.30, at which only ten cents will be charged for children, and the week will close with the usual performance to-morrow night, beginning sharp at 7.30.

Word has been received in town that Mr. Keefer, the resident engineer, has received from the Minister of Inland Revenue copies of the plans and estimates of the improvements of the harbor and construction of break-water out at Broche Ledge, as suggested by the joint committee of the owners of properties abutting on the harbor, the municipal council and the board of trade. He has also received instructions from the Minister of Public Works to verify these figures and estimates. The committee, headed up by the Hon. Mr. Templeman, the importance of making suitable provision in the estimates this year, and he is seeking to verify the estimates and cost accordingly.

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The body of one of the victims of the Pass of Melfort wreck previously reported having been found near Clayquok was that of J. W. Kam, not Robert Kerr, as heretofore mentioned. The body was found near Escluselet.

In connection with the continuation of the P. E. steamer Beatrice on the Victoria-Seattle route it should be noted that a six-day per week service will be maintained, the steamer taking Monday as a lay-over day in this port. This will mean there will be no steamer leaving Victoria for Seattle on Sunday nights, the new schedule becoming effective immediately.

The entire Toy Symphony Concert programme given by St. Andrew's choir on Wednesday evening will be repeated on Monday at 8.15 in St. Barnabas' Sunday school in aid of the school improvement fund. Those who did not hear what was pronounced as one of the most successful concerts of the season should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this novelty programme.

Members of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a social this evening at the rooms, Broad street. An excellent programme has been prepared. A number of addresses will be delivered, after which games and different forms of recreation will be indulged in, and, in short, every endeavor made by the committee in charge to give their guests a pleasant time. It is the intention that these affairs shall be held regularly once a month.

On Wednesday evening the members of Victoria West Lodge, I. O. G. T. held their usual weekly session. Several items of important business were attended to and four new members were admitted. The remainder of the evening was passed in games and a programme for which Bro. McIntyre was responsible, and to which Bros. Stancombe, Deakin, Menhemmet and McIntyre contributed songs; Bro. Beuple, and Bro. Furman, recitations and Bro. Fletcher, a reading.

THOS. T. LANGLOIS,
President and Manager of the B. C. Permanent, Speaks in Vindication of the Business Principles of His Company.

The following letter, which appears in the Toronto "Monetary Times" of the 16th inst., was prepared for the purpose of overcoming the prejudice which may possibly exist in the minds of those who have read the article referred to, which appeared in the issue of January 5th of that periodical:

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 5th, 1906.
The Editor, Monetary Times, Toronto, Ont.
Dear Sir:—In the January 5th issue of your paper appears a letter which was supposed to have been written by an old Ontario Loan man now in the Maritime Provinces. I have made investigations as to the source of this letter and find that a part of it was written by the Maritime Province manager of a Toronto Loan Company, and the balance was added at the head office before the letter was given to you for publication.

If the old Loan Company, which is responsible for the objectionable article, will look back over the records of their own company, they will find that it was incorporated and operated for about twenty years as a Building & Savings Society, and that when ten years old, it had assets of \$1,284,219, including a reserve of \$22,104, whereas our company, which they undertake to criticize, has assets of \$1,671,545, including a reserve fund of \$50,000 at the end of eight years.

The manager of the old line company referred to above, stated at the forty-fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of his company that the average annual dividend paid for the whole 45 years was 11½ per cent., and during the first 40 years it paid over 12 per cent. Surely this company cannot find fault with the British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company for paying 9 per cent. to the holders of its \$200,000 paid up permanent non-withdrawable capital, 6 per cent. to its full paid stockholders and 5 per cent. to its class "C" installment stock, which matures a payment of \$10 per month to \$1,000 in seven years.

The Toronto company advertises for debentures at 4 per cent, deposits at 3½ per cent, and pay 6 per cent on its permanent stock. The Dominion government report for 1904 shows estimated average yield of mortgages and other securities \$2.11 per cent. Our company advertises for debentures at 5 per cent, and deposits at 4 per cent, and pays 9 per cent. to permanent stockholders. The Dominion government report for 1904 shows our estimated average yield of mortgages and other securities to be 3.23 per cent. These figures show our earning power to be 5 per cent. greater than the other company, and plainly shows why the Vancouver company can pay a higher rate of dividend to its permanent stockholders than is paid by the Toronto company.

Four correspondents insist that the "British Columbia Permanent" is like the York County Loan. In this

is greatly mistaken. The York County was run on the building society plan of taking expenses from stock payments. According to their by-laws, the company could use for expenses all of the first three months' payments and 20c. out of each dollar received thereafter, whereas they issued certificates containing a promise to pay \$50 in the three years and 35 weeks for a payment of 25c. a week. A school boy could figure out that out of \$47.25 paid by the member only \$35.25 would go to the loan fund. Add to this dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (as shown by the government report for 1904) for the time the company had the use of the money, and the book value to be \$32.25, withdrawal value \$50, loss on withdrawal of one share \$17.75, to be covered by lapses or payments from new members. This system of paying withdrawals at a heavy loss has produced a big shortage. The installment stock was the principal source of the company's income.

The British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company only runs installment stock as a side line, taking in from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per month on this stock out of a total income running between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per month. We treat the first month's payment as a membership fee and use it for expenses (agent's commission) and afterwards place the full amount of each dollar in the loan fund and credit dividends at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. During the term of three years \$35 goes to the loan fund out of a total payment of \$50, one share. Add to this dividends credited at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum monthly compound interest, for the time the company has had the use of the money, and we find the book value to be \$37.91. The withdrawal value is the full amount paid in with 5 per cent. monthly compound interest, total \$57.51 as per withdrawal tabular shown on the stock certificate.

As our loans earn about 9 per cent. interest, we have a surplus of 4 per cent. on the earnings of each dollar of installment stock for payment of general expenses and additions to reserve. The government inspector's report, as well as our new financial report which appears in another part of this paper, will show that our company pays expenses, dividends and fixed charges from actual earnings, and should convince the old Ontario Loan man, who is now in the Maritime Provinces, that the statement made by a prominent bank manager in Vancouver to the effect that our company is following sound methods and is conducted by honorable business men, entitled to the fullest confidence, is correct.

By again referring to the article published in the St. John paper, he will find that it is headed in big black type "British Columbia's Best Financial Institution," and a little further down, the name of the company in full. Surely it cannot be said that we are trying to trade on the reputation of a well known Toronto company, when it is made so clear that the company is a British Columbia institution. In fact, we feel proud of having built up in British Columbia the largest loan company in Canada west of Toronto. Toronto, which is probably the greatest city for headquarters of loan companies on the American continent, has only eight companies reporting to the Dominion government for the year 1904, with greater assets than the "British Columbia Permanent" had at the end of 1905, and only three of these credited a greater amount in dividends to shareholders in 1904 than our company did in 1905.

Yours truly,
T. T. LANGLOIS,
Manager.

The letter to the editor, found in another column of this paper above the signature of Horace J. Knott, local manager of the B. C. Permanent, explains why the decision was reached to give publicity to these facts in Victoria.

HOCKEY DANCE

Has Been Arranged for This Evening at Assembly Hall—The Programme.

Arrangements have been completed for the fifth annual ball to be given under the auspices of the Victoria hockey club this evening at the Assembly hall. The committee in charge of the preparations have been untiring in their energy, and as a result, nothing has been omitted likely to contribute in the smallest measure to the pleasure of those attending. The decorations have been altered in many respects in order to give them a tone appropriate to the occasion, the floor is in first-class shape and the music should be all that could be desired, as it has been placed entirely in the hands of Miss Thaine, whose orchestra has won so much popularity this season. A buffet supper will be served, and the catering also, has been given special attention. The first dance will take place at 8.30 o'clock, and the complete programme follows:

Extra Waltz In Vacation Time
Waltz Daddy's Little Girl
Two-Step Chinese Sage Man
Waltz There's Nobody Just Like You
Two-Step Since I First Met You, My Lulu, Lulu Lu.
Waltz Love Land, Baby's Sweetheart
Two-Step Happie Hiccup
Military Birdie, The New Arrival
Three-Step Yankee Grit, The Tenderfoot
Two-Step Yankee Doodle Boy
Waltz In Dreamland, In Dreamland
Extras
Two-Step Imagination
Waltz Stay in Your Own Backyard
Three-Step On Blue Eyes
Waltz I Love You All the Time
Lancers Happy Hits
Two-Step On Long Li
Waltz Forget Me Not
Two-Step Chicken-Charlie
Barr If I Should, A Plein for Two
Two-Step Whistler and His Dog
Waltz Golden Sunset, Good-Night, Ladies

FUNDS FOR DEFENCE

(Associated Press)
Butte, Mont., Feb. 23.—Five thousand dollars has been appropriated by the mill and smelter men's union of this city to aid in the defence of Charles F. Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and Orchard, who are suspected of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho.
The mutinous Cossacks at Gdansk have surrendered to the authorities after having been subjected to a bombardment and delivered up their chief agitators and the regimental colors.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Feb. 23.—5 a. m.—The barometer is falling along the Coast and rain is falling from the Columbia slope to California, while from East Simpson northward to the Atlin district, and to Cariboo the weather is fine and cold. A moderate cold wave also exists from the Rockies to Manitoba.
Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, partly cloudy, with showers to-night on Saturday.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains.
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, 43; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, .14; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.6; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .30; weather, rain.
Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, fair.
Kaslooke—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 31; minimum, 27; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 8; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 50; minimum, 45; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, .18; weather, rain.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 34; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, fair.

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THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE

Number of Changes Considered Necessary in Order to Remedy Existing Evils.

Albany, Feb. 22.—The report of the Armstrong special insurance investigation committee was presented in both houses of the legislature soon after noon to-day. It was accompanied by eight bills designed to carry into effect in detail the recommendations of the committee.

After reading the report and the bills, the desk, Senator Armstrong made a statement in which he said that counsel for the committee, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McKee and himself had worked on the bills until 4 o'clock this morning and had not then finished their report. He asked leave for the committee to submit a supplementary report which will contain the proposed forms of the Standard Life Insurance policies to be prescribed by law. He promised this report this week, hoping to submit it by Monday night. The bills were referred at once to the committee of the whole.

In a statement made to a newspaper man before the presentation of the report he said he hoped to have passed before April 15th a bill which will deal with the annual elections in the Mutual Companies from April 15th to November 15th, and would, it is believed, probably nullify all proxies obtained up to this time by Thomas W. Lawson and the policy holders' committee of state governors and others, as well as those which the management of the company themselves have been gathering through their agents.

The Report.

New York, Feb. 22.—The report of the joint committee of the senate and assembly of the state of New York, appointed to investigate the affairs of the life insurance companies, covered a printed pamphlet of 215 pages.

After reciting the resolution authorizing the work and the plan adopted for the investigation by the committee, each individual company is passed in review. There are fifteen companies organized under the laws at New York, having level premium policies and in a single instance only the committee departed from the policy of limiting its investigation to companies organized under the laws of New York. The company was the Prudential Life Insurance Company of New Jersey.

The matters demanding the consideration of the legislature for the pur-

pose of remedying existing evils and of establishing more securely the business of life insurance in this state, are grouped under the following heads:

1. Organization of life insurance corporations; 2. control of the rights of policy holders in the election of directors; 3. retirement of stock; 4. investment, including syndicate participation; 5. limitation of new business; 6. political contributions; 7. lobbying; 8. limitation of expenses; 9. valuation of properties; 10. rebates; 11. surrender of values; 12. assortment and distribution of surplus; 13. remedies of policy holders or right to resort to the courts; 14. forms of policies; 15. publicity and state supervision; 16. penalties.

The committee recommended that article 11 of the insurance law be so amended as to permit the formation thereunder of

Mutual Corporations

without capital stock to transact the business of life insurance and for such other purposes as are authorized to be connected therewith in the case of stock corporations; provided that at least 500 persons have subscribed to become members therein; the aggregate amount of at least \$1,000,000 to be insured upon their lives and shall have each paid in one full annual premium in cash upon the insurance subscribed for, and provided further that it shall make the same deposits with the superintendent of insurance that are required of stock corporations formed for similar purposes.

Section 306 permitting the incorporation of companies upon the co-operation or assessment plan, should be amended so as not to permit such companies to be incorporated in the future and foreign companies not be permitted to enter the state.

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and have been able to exercise despotic power. Ownership of the entire stock of an unlisted stock corporation scarcely could give a tenure more secure. The most fertile source of evils in administration has been irresponsibility of official power, should, in the case of absolute control, in that of a mutual company it proceeds from a flagrant disregard of the law of its being. While it would plainly be untrue that the management of a life insurance company should be rendered unstable or that its personnel should be frequently changed, it is of the first importance that officers should realize their direct responsibility to those whom they represent and should rely for their continuance in office upon a single instance only the committee departed from the policy of limiting its investigation to companies organized under the laws of New York. The company was the Prudential Life Insurance Company of New Jersey.

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Section 306 permitting the incorporation of companies upon the co-operation or assessment plan, should be amended so as not to permit such companies to be incorporated in the future and foreign companies not be permitted to enter the state.

Concerning the so-called mutual companies, the committee says: "Notwithstanding theoretical rights, policy holders have had little or no voice in the management. Entrenched behind proxies easily collected by subversive agents, and running for long periods unless expressly revoked, the officers of these companies have occupied

Unassailable Positions and have been able to exercise despotic power. Ownership of the entire stock of an unlisted stock corporation scarcely could give a tenure more secure. The most fertile source of evils in administration has been irresponsibility of official power, should, in the case of absolute control, in that of a mutual company it proceeds from a flagrant disregard of the law of its being. While it would plainly be untrue that the management of a life insurance company should be rendered unstable or that its personnel should be frequently changed, it is of the first importance that officers should realize their direct responsibility to those whom they represent and should rely for their continuance in office upon a single instance only the committee departed from the policy of limiting its investigation to companies organized under the laws of New York. The company was the Prudential Life Insurance Company of New Jersey.

The matters demanding the consideration of the legislature for the pur-

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

A meeting of the ratepayers of the Victoria Bay school district was held in the school on Saturday. J. A. Harrison took the chair, with A. J. Dods as secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the chairman announced that the meeting was for the purpose of deciding what tax was to be imposed on the ratepayers for the teacher's salary, and the amount for incidental expenses. On motion, the tax was fixed at £20 a year for the teacher's salary, and the expenditure for the maintenance of the school, £40. Both motions were unanimously carried.

D. Kelly, of Victoria, brother of R. Kelly, the missing prospector, paid a visit to the island last week. No trace of R. Kelly has yet been found.

It is not known whether there will be a show on Salt Spring this year, for though the association is in an excellent financial condition, the enthusiasm necessary for a success in exhibition does not prevail among the residents. The show held last year was excellent, considering the circumstances, for it must be remembered that, no assistance, or, if any, very small, was received from South Salt Spring. The bulk of the fair being borne chiefly by North Salt Spring, the adjacent islands and the merchants of Victoria.

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MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

British Officials on Action of Germany—Promises Broken.

London, Feb. 22.—Official opinion in Great Britain regarding the Moroccan conference can be summed up by the statement "that it is now certain Germany desires the Algeiras conference to break up without settling the vexed

Moroccan question." Germany, the official press promises to negotiate peace proposals, but in the meantime she is doing nothing to settle the question. The Moroccan conference is a source of deep anxiety to this government, since it exhibits tendencies which threaten ultimately to require Britain to dispute its further progress.

The statement has been confirmed that in event of France's abandoning Morocco to Germany in preference to risking a war, the British government will oppose directly Germany's plans. It is categorically asserted that Great Britain is ready at a moment's notice to reply with force to any forcible measure which Germany may take to "change the political map of Western Europe and Northern Africa in any essential respect."

The Kaiser is accused of seeking to neutralize the British Gibraltar in the West, while he himself is building up a German Gibraltar in the East on the island of Thasos.

It is evident that a bitter feeling against Germany is silently but steadily growing throughout English society. British officials cannot see where France can further yield toward Germany's views.

In some quarters it is believed that Germany, at the last moment, finding that all the powers, excepting possibly Austria, are sympathetic with France, will agree to the compromise offered by the French delegates. On this account France will be urged to allow a continuance of the conference, giving the representatives of the powers an opportunity of expressing their views on the subject upon which Germany and France could not agree.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Miss May, Mrs. L. Pickering, Miss Prather, J. Greenwood, Mrs. J. Humane, Miss M. Van Gordon, J. H. Shaw, R. H. Hufton, J. T. Martin, Mrs. Martin, R. Genn, A. E. Bailey, Gertrude Mather, W. H. Brandon, Jas. McDermid, E. Cass, Joseph Nennash, C. Shatry, J. J. Dennis, Mrs. Betts, Wm. H. Hanson, E. C. Niles, C. E. Dow, A. E. Alford, Mrs. Alford, Ella Niebergan, W. J. Shields, Mrs. Shields, Grace E. Moran, Mrs. J. O'Brien, Miss Marie O'Brien, A. J. Payne, F. W. Peters, Mrs. Peters, B. W. Greer, S. J. Coyle, C. Kinsell, wife and family, W. J. Lewis.

COSMOGRAPH.

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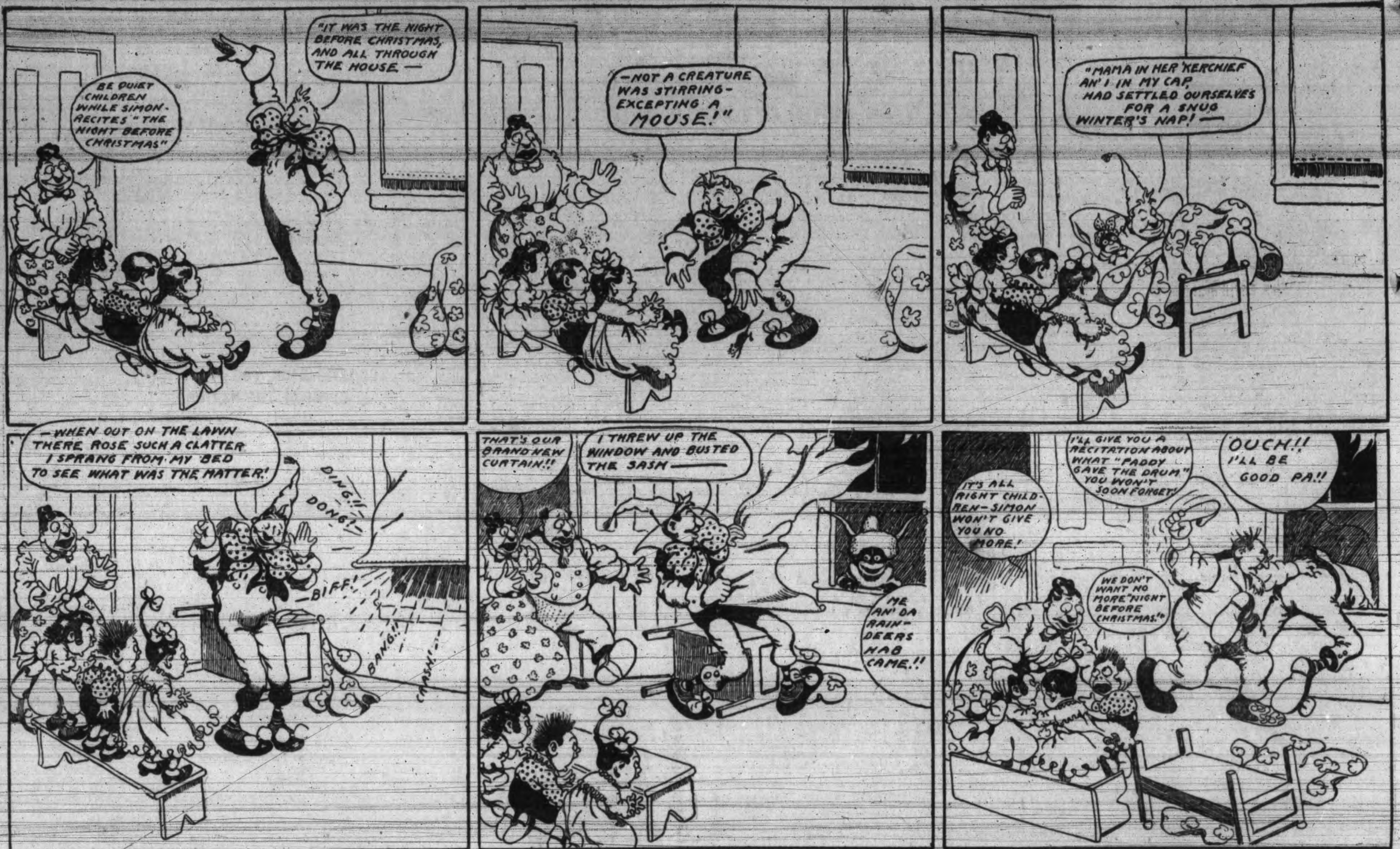
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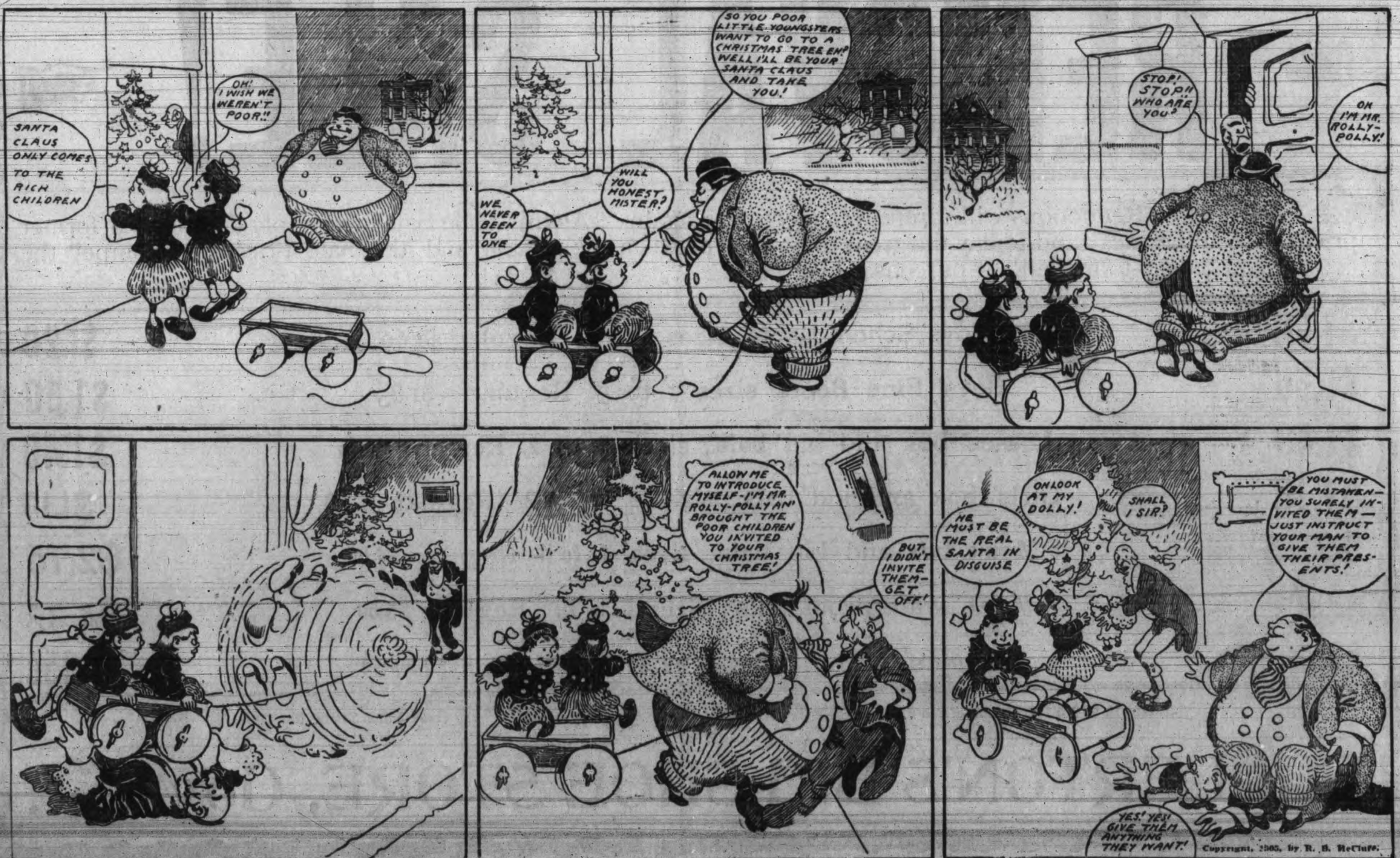
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The programme to be played by the Fifth Regiment band in the drill hall to-morrow evening in connection with the basketball match between the Portland Tigers, champions of the Pacific coast for three years, and the Fifth Regiment team will be as follows: March, "Punjab; selection, "King Dodo; Lullaby; waltz, "Sounds of Erin; Bennett; medley, "Gems of Stephen Foster; Tobani; basketball; senerade, "Manana; Mimla; basketball. God Save the King.

BORN.

ROUGHAN—At Kamloops, on Feb. 18th, the wife of D. Roughan, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

BOWMAN-HARFORD—At Vancouver, on Feb. 21st, by Rev. A. E. Hetherington, Miss J. C. Bowman and Miss Florence Harford.

MANLEY-PETTIPiece—At Revelstoke, on Feb. 20th, by Rev. C. H. M. Sullivan, John Manley and Miss Edith Pettipiece.

KNOWLES-FINDLEY—At Revelstoke, on Feb. 19th, by Rev. C. H. M. Sullivan, Charles Knowles and Miss Findley.

DIED.

PUMMELL—At Burnaby, on Feb. 21st, Mrs. James Pummell, aged 72 years.

MANUEL—At Vancouver, on Feb. 20th, George Evans Manuel, aged 61 years.

DEVISE—At Vancouver, on Feb. 19th, Wesley J. Devise, aged 23 years.

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PECULIAR CASE AT LOCAL HOSPITAL**STARTLING DISCOVERY AT A POST MORTEM**

Catheter Found in Organ of Patient Instrument Evidently Lost During Former Treatment.

The sudden death of Hector Sprout, the White Pass engineer, here a short time ago, has been the occasion of a good deal of speculation as to why such an apparently healthy and strong man should so quickly succumb to a simple operation like a stricture.

Mr. Sprout was first taken to Seattle, where the above operation was performed, and later, his progress not being satisfactory, he was brought to Victoria, where he underwent treatment for a day or two before his death. From the time of his arrival his medical attendants had great difficulty in dealing with inflammation of the bladder, which finally communicated itself to the kidneys. It was suggested to him that the first mentioned organ be drained, but he protested, saying that he had had this done in Seattle and he was only worse from the effects. He continued to grow worse, and an operator, which would under other circumstances have been possible was prevented by his inability to stand the administering of anaesthetics. Finally he was taken with a convulsion, in which he passed away.

Up to the last he was comparatively in good shape, and had no idea but that he would recover. It was at the post-mortem held by his medical attendants that the peculiar and startling feature of the case developed. In the bladder of the deceased was found a catheter, which had evidently been lost in the organ during treatment previous to his arrival here. This is believed to have been the cause of the unusual inflammation referred to above.

While the doctors who attended him refuse to discuss the matter, it is claimed among the profession that the introduction of a foreign substance like that which was found in the bladder necessarily caused death, although irritation necessarily followed. Had the presence of this rubber instrument in the bladder been known it would have been comparatively simple. The question which remains unsolved now is, did some attendant at the previous operation lose the instrument, and if so why was the fact not reported to the medical men attending him?

VANCOUVER'S CHARTER.

Amendments Sought Which Are Objected to by the Private Bills Committee.

City Solicitor McEvoy, of Vancouver, has been in Victoria for several days past, looking after a bill promoted by the Vancouver council and now before the private bills committee of the House, to amend the special charter of the city. The reception of the measure has had at the hands of the committee is not at all satisfactory to the promoters, and in its amended form there is very little left of the original. Objections innumerable were taken to the bill. Among others the committee held that only seven of the clauses have been properly advertised while those remaining were not favorably received, on the general ground that municipalities are constantly asking for changes, which succeeding councils do not always endorse. Mr. McEvoy contends that the city of Vancouver is in a different position from the ordinary charter holder, inasmuch as the mayor and aldermen are responsible to the citizens, and consequently can be entrusted with the powers sought in the proposed amendments.

In regard to some of the other clauses to which these objections do not apply, there is little doubt they will be granted. These include the right to have dairy herds supervised in the city.

A growing party of the private bills committee is antagonistic to change sought in the Municipal Act, as successive councils differ as to future policy.

Vancouver is also seeking an extension of the term during which they can expropriate lands in False Creek. The time expires in 1907, and the city asks for three years longer, so that they may be an opportunity of having the lands properly surveyed and soundly taken, and thus arrive at a true value. Engineer Roy, on behalf of the government, has been surveying the creek and his report is looked for by the council before taking action.

North Vancouver is also seeking incorporation, and may have some difficulty, as it is claimed that the necessary public notice has not been given.

In chambers this morning before the Chief Justice an application was made for affidavit of deceased and discovery in the case of Wallace v. Hamilton et al., and a reciprocal order was made by consent. Elford et al. vs. Wootton et al. was an application for service out of jurisdiction on Hartnagle, and twelve days were allowed for appearance.

MAINLAND REPRESENTATION.

New Westminster Liberals Will Memorialize Dominion Government For Seat in Senate.

A meeting of the Liberal Association of New Westminster was held on Tuesday night for the purpose of taking action with a view to securing a representative of the mainland for the vacant seat in the senate.

It was moved by W. W. Forrester, seconded by John Reid, and carried that:

Whereas the Honorable William Templeman has accepted the portfolio of Minister of Inland Revenue in the cabinet of the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and has resigned his seat in the senate, which he is able to do in order to seek a nomination by the electorate of his new appointment, and

Whereas the resignation of Hon. Dr. Templeman from the senate creates a vacancy in that body for the province of British Columbia; and

Whereas both the Island of Vancouver and the interior of the mainland portion of the province are fully and ably represented by resident members in the senate, while the very important section known as the lower mainland, and containing nearly fifty per cent. of the whole population of British Columbia, has no resident representative in that body; and

Whereas it is considered not only necessary, but just and proper, that this influential division of the province should be represented in the senate by a resident thereof, and more especially one having a thorough knowledge of all the conditions and requirements of the large and growing part of Canada; Therefore be it resolved, that the Liberal Association of New Westminster do most respectfully solicit the favorable consideration of the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, prime minister of Canada, to the claim of the lower mainland to take place in this year's future, which will be addressed by members of parliament from Victoria and other points.

Before the meeting closed a strong committee was appointed to arrange a series of meetings to take place in this year's future, which will be addressed by members of parliament from Victoria and other points.

A COUNTRY WEDDING.

Nuptials of H. A. Butler and Miss Aleina Martindale at St. Stephen's Church.

On Thursday at St. Stephen's Church, South Saanich, Rev. Mr. Plinton celebrated the marriage of Hugh Arthur Butler, third son of the late Captain George Stephen Butler, of the seventeenth regiment, and Miss Aleina Martindale, youngest daughter of the late H. Martindale, of Mardale, Westmoreland, and Mrs. Martindale, South Saanich, was commended.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, J. W. Martindale, who gave her away. She wore a very pretty dress of cream, with a veil trimmed with lace and satin ribbon. Her veil was held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. The bride carried a bouquet of carnations, roses and lily of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Martindale and Mr. Claude Butler supported the groom.

The church was prettily decorated with choice flowers and evergreens by friends; showing the popularity of the ride and groom. When the party left the church Miss Grove, the organist, played the wedding march.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, happy evening was spent and about 100 guests were present. The reception was held in the bride's home, and the groom's home, and the good wishes of the guests and friends. The following is a partial list of the presents: From the groom to the bride, a very pretty emerald ring and to the bride a gold chain, engraved with her initials. Mr. Ferguson and family, half a dozen silver table and a spoon; Mr. and Miss Carrie Turpin, set of desert knives; Mrs. McNeill, table linen; Mr. and Mrs. T. Martindale, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Mr. C. Gordon, set of tea spoons; Mr. C. and fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Mowat, table spoons; Mrs. Pagden, antique table spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Mowat, carving set; Miss E. E. Rey, table cloth; Miss C. Young, cushion; Mrs. Crocker, cushion; Mrs. Camp and Downey, elderdown quilt; Miss Erle Thomson, half dozen silver tea spoons; John Thomson, six silver spoons; Mr. Dean, table linen; Mrs. Butler and family, cheque; C. Butler and H. Hawkins, silver cake plate and aster Murrey Martindale, Portland, a very little present.

It is probable that Lighthousekeeper, Deakin, and Mr. Logan, J. P., who were prominent in the case of the wreck of the Valencia, will be examined by the Victoria commissioners before the report of the late is completed. These gentlemen have been summoned to attend the commission sittings at Seattle, and should they respond, will be invited to attend.

A well-informed official of Caracas, in a letter received at Willemstad, says that President Castro has given orders to prepare the documents to institute legal proceedings against the Lagunaira harbor corporation and the Lagunaira Caracas railroad. These companies are both owned by British subject and are largely capitalized.

Local News.

Another meeting in the cause of temperance will be held at Institute hall on Wednesday evening.

The ship Mosambique, Capt. Oleson, arrived from San Francisco yesterday after a smart voyage made in six days. Capt. Oleson was in command of a ship loading at Chemainus a few months ago.

Last evening, Hon. C. E. Pooley, speaker of the Legislature, and Mrs. Pooley entertained at dinner a number of the members of the House. A week ago other members were similarly entertained.

The ship Hawaii, Capt. Gunderson, arrived in the Royal Roads this morning and about noon the captain came ashore. He reports a very stormy voyage, lasting 27 days, one gale after another having been encountered, which loosened some of the vessel's sails, but otherwise did no damage. Capt. Gunderson was at Shanghai during the riots at that port a few months ago, and saw blood shed on that occasion.

A case of indecent assault occupied the attention of Police Magistrate Hall this morning. As already reported in the Times, two young ladies reported that on Saturday night last, while on their way home, they were assaulted by an unknown man on Carey road. From the description given, the police arrested a man who is employed in the district, and the evidence of the ladies was heard this morning. The case was adjourned until to-morrow. The defence is an alibi.

In view of the carelessness or otherwise of some drivers of vehicles and tram-cars in connection with the Fifth Regiment when the latter has a march out it might be well to say that section 117 of the Militia act, part of which reads as follows: "Any person who resists any calling out of any man enlisted, etc., etc., or interferes with the drill or training of any corps, or portion thereof, or obstructs any corps or portion thereof, on the march or elsewhere shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars."

After calling at Nanaimo and Vancouver on her way south the steamer Venture arrived from the north this morning. Before she left Port Simpson intense excitement prevailed among the natives over an attempt to rob the Indian cemetery. Enraged at this the natives armed themselves, and on Saturday night kept watch for the return of the dapoilers, firing off their guns almost continuously. The Venture brings word that four Japanese from Port Simpson who were taking a schooner laden with charcoal to Esquimaux are missing, the boat being long overdue. Rev. A. E. Greep, Indian school inspector, came south as far as Nanaimo on the Venture. He reports that Rev. Dr. Whittington, superintendent of Methodist missions, has about completed his northern tour of inspection, and will come south on the next trip of the steamer Tees.

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

Certificates of Incorporation Granted to Several New Companies.

In last evening's Times a list of the new appointments as appearing in the Gazette was published, and mention was made of several companies having been incorporated. Of these the following are advertised: The Burrard Power Co., Ltd., capital \$15,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$15 each; the Kootenay Shingle Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000, divided into 5,000 shares of \$10 each; the North Canada Fur & Transportation Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$150,000, divided into 1,500 shares of \$10 each; the United Western Property Co., Ltd., capital \$50,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$50 each; and the Vancouver Stock Exchange, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$1 each.

Courts of Revision will be held at Kamloops on the 14th March and at Matsqui on the 25th.

There are sixteen new applications for coal prospecting licenses and 23 for the purchase of lands.

STRIKE ENDED.

Joint Arbitration Board Orders Men to Return to Work.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—The sympathy strike of the steam-fitters came to a sudden ending yesterday, when the joint arbitration board of the Steam-Fitters' Union and the master steam-fitters ordered the men to return to work.

A new scale of wages for building employees was signed which gives 35 cents an hour to the ten thousand hot carriers employed in Chicago, or an increase of five cents over the old scale. Men working in caissons will receive 50 cents an hour, an increase of ten cents.

PERSONAL.

William Christie, local manager of the C. P. R. telegraphs, has returned from a trip to Los Angeles, and given a glowing account of the Sunny South.

Attorney-General Wilson will leave for Ottawa to-night to attend a sitting of the Supreme court, before which comes a case with which he is professionally connected.

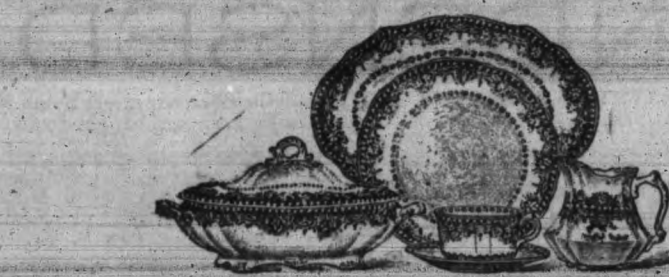
C. M. Marpole and H. E. Beasley, of the C. P. R. service, with headquarters at Vancouver, are registered at the Diarrid hotel.

Alan W. Neill, formerly M. P. P. for Alberni, and now Indian agent at that place, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Young, wife of Dr. Young, M. P. P. for Atlin, will leave to-night on a trip East.

H. A. Butler and bride are registered at the Dominion hotel. They are spending their honeymoon in the city.

Rev. D. McIlwray, of Cumberland, is among those staying at the Dominion.

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A CHARMING CHINA DINNER SERVICE, quartered floral pattern of the very latest design, 100 pieces, exceptionally good value \$11.00
Another Very Fine Dinner Service from the same pattern, but with circular floral design, 100 pieces at \$18.00
A BEAUTIFUL GRINDLEY DINNER SERVICE, Luxor pattern, with gilt and beaded edge, 105 pieces at \$22.50
PURE WHITE AND GOLD SERVICE, Grindley's latest shapes, always good form on any table, 105 pieces, at \$20.00
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ST. BARNABAS CONCERT—The novelty concert given in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian school on Wednesday last will be repeated in St. Barnabas' school-room on Monday next at 8:15 p. m. Admission 25 cents.

WANTED—Nurse girl. Mrs. Lampron, 96 Belcher Street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, new No. 3 Chatham incubator and brooder, ship carpenter's tools, blacksmith tools, antique managany chair, furniture, etc. At the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

TO RENT—Furnished cottage, opposite St. Paul's church, Esquimaux road. Apply John Day, Phone 145.

THE DRAWING BOOK INQUIRY.

To the Editor:—It is now about six weeks since all the evidence, including the private examination of our children, was completed at the royal commission re drawing before His Honor Judge Lampman. Can you inform us, Mr. Editor, how much longer we will have to wait to have a decision handed down?

PATERFAMILIAS.
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 22nd, 1906.

(His Honor Judge Lampman has been quite ill, having been confined to his home for some time.—Ed. Times.)

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